

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

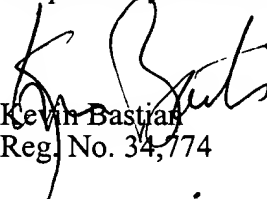
This Preliminary Amendment is filed after a Request for Continued Examination was filed on April 5, 2004. Applicants note with appreciation the courtesies extended in the telephone interview on March 30, 2004. During the interview, applicants discussed potential claim amendments to overcome the outstanding obviousness rejection. In particular, the present claims explicitly refer to the stable expression of transgenes in at least two generations, which as pointed out in the response mailed March 5, 2004, is a surprising result of the methods of the present invention. The present claims are offered to expedite prosecution and applicants specifically reserve the right to pursue the original claims in one or more subsequent applications.

The amendments to claim 9 are supported throughout the specification. Support for the term "transgene" is found, for example, at page 4, lines 14-23. Support for stable expression of the transgene through at least two generations is found, for example, in Table 2 on page 25. Support for new claim 26 is found, for example, at page 24. line 36.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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